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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT:
ANGIE POLLOCK

We are very proud of the excellent education we provide our students. This excellence is due to the deliberate planning of our school district and the ongoing support of our community.

Our 2020 Vision is a road map for what we want education to be like in our schools as we prepare students for citizenship in today's rapidly changing world. By giving our students an education that is personalized and engaging, we are able to see academic, social, and emotional growth in our students. Our vision is focused on students learning the skills that today's colleges and employers want like communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

Our 2020 Vision will be supported through the construction of the new high school and elementary school. With the November passage, many are asking when we will break ground. The answer: not yet. First, our district must identify the different land options, conduct research, and work with an architect on developing a timeline for all of the work ahead and designs for the buildings.

Our most immediate work entails continuing to visit other newer schools in Ohio so that we can see their unique and modern features. Many things have changed – even in the last decade – with building design, and we want to be certain that we prioritize and maximize our dollars by developing a plan that will suit the educational needs of our school district well into the future. Any plan must take into account the innovation that is already taking place in our schools and what we are doing with our 2020 Vision. Building innovative flexible spaces is not about spending more money; it is about spending it in a different way to support a learning space that aligns to today's workplace.

Once we hire an architect and develop a general timeline for the work ahead, we will make sure to involve the public. If you are interested, I hope you will consider how you might lend your time or talents to the process.

We start this January by welcoming three board members under their new four-year terms. Congratulations to Allison Fagan and Brad Schneider on their re-election and to Douglas Crowl on being elected to the Board. In addition, thank you to Nicci Hess, our outgoing board member, for years of dedicated service to the board and community.

Best wishes for a safe and happy 2018. Thank you for your continued support.

IN SEARCH OF SCHOOL SITES



If you have land for sale that could be potentially used for school sites, please contact our central office at 740.965.3010. Our school site criteria rubric can be found on our website at www.bwls.net. This document includes acreage requirements and other requirements that we determined in collaboration with our Facilities Committee.

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Message from the Board



Happy New Year. With the passage of our recent bond and permanent improvement levy, this is a good time to update the community on our work since then regarding: (1) selecting an architect; (2) scheduling repairs and improvements for existing buildings; and (3) selecting sites for two new buildings, an elementary and a high school. This sort of planning and design work is sometimes referred to as “soft costs”, but they require hard money that this board was not prepared to commit without community support.

An architect and site selection are especially important not just to this board, but to our community as well. What we heard from this community is that we want a school that meets the needs of Big Walnut, now and into the future, as opposed to copying from another district. Big Walnut last opened a new high school in 1991 - we have all seen a great deal of change since, and we are hoping that new and improved facilities will help better set the stage for our Big Walnut 2020 Vision to personalize instruction, engage learners and grow minds. For example, I personally have long been impressed with the popularity

of our woodshop program and the success of its students. One recent alumnus of Big Walnut, Tyler Slagle, started his own business straight out of high school, Handcrafting Ohio. Since then, we have added to our course offerings a team taught class involving teachers in math, physics and woodshop. The working world is often multidisciplinary, and we will be looking at ways to create environments in which our students can apply what they are learning, whether to work for others or themselves.

As we move forward with our construction projects and implementing our 2020 Vision, the board is actively looking for community input and feedback.

One way we are doing this is through a facilities group consisting of community members, building principals and district administrators that has been meeting since fall 2015. Some of the members of that group volunteered previously in 2008 on our last bond issue.

At the group's first meeting after the November election, rather than particular locations, the members discussed in general what to consider in any site. A current rule of thumb is that a high school should have 60-80 acres (closer to

80 for a large high school), and an elementary 10-15 acres, or about 70-90 for both. But a number of other factors come into play like traffic and safety, land cost, utilities available at the site, central location, topography and drainage. Realistically, sites in the middle in Berkshire and Trenton Twps., or the villages of Sunbury and Galena make the most sense at this point, with sites in Kingston, Porter, Genoa and Harlem being too far north or south or simply not workable for other reasons.

At the end of the day, these school buildings are paid for and belong to our entire community. It bears repeating that the Big Walnut Board of Education would like to thank voters for passing the ballot issue that allows us to build for the future, use our operating dollars for programming instead of trailers, and better prepare our students for opportunities in a rapidly changing world.

Sincerely,

Andy Wecker
President Big Walnut Board of Education

Understanding Your Tax Bill



Jeremy Buskirk
Treasurer



Angie Pollock
Superintendent

As the calendar year 2017 comes to a close, we wanted to thank you again for showing your support in November for the school district and the Big Walnut community as a whole in approving the combined bond and permanent improvement levy. We want to assure you as well that we are very committed to the millage phase-in, as was discussed and communicated throughout the fall. We will do everything within our power to keep to our schedule.

As Delaware County sends out tax bills, you will notice some changes, and we want to make sure you are aware of these changes. To get a general understanding of Ohio tax vocabulary, we want to provide some key terms and give some basics of Ohio taxes.

- Millage / Mill - The unit of value representing the rate used to calculate property taxes in Ohio. In cash terms, it is one-tenth of a penny (.001).
- Inside Millage - Mills that, under the state constitution, local governments are permitted to share without a vote of the people. Big Walnut does not change this rate, and it has been 4.6 mills for over 30 years.
- Outside Millage - The total millage

by voters, also referred to as voted mills.

- Effective Millage - The rate of taxation, expressed in mills, multiplied by the assessed value, which raises the same dollar amount that was voted. Since 1976, House Bill 920 established reduction factors that prohibited an inflationary increase in the amount of taxes levied against real property.
- Millage “Floor” - Rate established by the General Assembly below which voted mills would not be reduced under the property tax reduction factor. Currently set at 20 mills.

School districts throughout Ohio have a full voted millage rate that is the rate originally approved by voters in a community.

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Due to state law, voted millage is reduced by the county auditor over time to an effective or actual applied millage. Ohio law has also established a millage floor of 20 mills that operating mills cannot go below, and Big Walnut is at this floor. School districts do not cause these reductions and cannot keep it from occurring, but once a district reaches the 20-mill floor, no further reductions can occur and increases in property valuation from reappraisals will cause an increase in taxes for the property owner.

As the table below shows, due to new construction and county-wide property reappraisals, the millage amount from the newly voted bond (0.31 is new and 3.31 prior) and permanent improvement levies are anticipated to be below the amounts that were discussed in the levy information. With the new millage planned to phase in over several years, the estimated new millage for the first year was 1.56 mills but is now anticipated to be 1.45 mills.

All properties in a county are reviewed every three years by the county auditor to determine if the market value of property in the county is being taxed at a fair amount.

These county auditor reviews are called the sexennial reappraisal and the triennial update,

and set what the county shows as a property's fair market value. Understand that the school district is not the only public entity to which your property taxes go. Property owners that live in the Big Walnut Local School District also pay property taxes to county health departments, a park district, fire departments, and townships to name a few. Big Walnut residents in our villages and townships pay

Effective Millage Tax Rate for Calendar Year 2017 based on 2016 Valuations				
	Kingston Township	Porter Township	Village of Galena	Village of Sunbury
Type	Eff. Rate	Eff. Rate	Eff. Rate	Eff. Rate
BIG WALNUT LSD	29.5100	29.5100	29.5100	29.5100
DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
BST AND G FIRE DEPT.	-	-	2.7594	2.7594
KINGSTON-PORTER FIRE DISTRICT	3.4230	3.4230	-	-
DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	0.5968	0.5968	0.5968	0.5968
PRESERVATION PARK DISTRICT	0.5725	0.5725	0.5725	0.5725
COMMUNITY LIBRARY	0.9291	0.9291	0.9291	0.9291
BERKSHIRE TWP	-	-	0.8000	-
KINGSTON TWP	2.3000	-	-	-
PORTER TWP	-	2.5000	-	-
GALENA CORP	-	-	3.6305	-
SUNBURY CORP	-	-	-	1.2500
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DELAWARE COUNTY AGENCIES	5.7031	5.7031	5.7031	5.7031
DELAWARE-MORROW MENTAL HEALTH	0.9474	0.9474	0.9474	0.9474
DELAWARE COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT	0.6074	0.6074	0.6074	0.6074
Total Millage	46.0894	46.2894	47.5563	45.6258
Source: Delaware County				

similar taxes to these entities. The table above provides a few examples of the millage distribution in taxing districts.

We hope this has provided you with a better understanding of your taxes. If you have further questions regarding your tax bill, you can reach out to the Delaware county auditor at auditor@co.delaware.oh.us

or (740) 833-2900 and the Big Walnut Treasurer at jeremybuskirk@bwls.net or (740) 965-3010.



Levy Year / Descriptions	Full Voted Millage	Tax Year 2016 Effective Millage	Tax Year 2017 Effective Millage
<u>Subject to 20 mill floor</u>			
Inside and outside (voted) operating millage	28.50	20.00	20.00
<u>Outside not subject to 20 mill floor</u>			
Substitute Emergency Levy	6.90	5.91	5.48
Total Operating Millage	35.40	25.91	25.48
Permenant Improvement (Voted millage)	1.25	-	1.14
Total Bond Millage	11.16	3.60	3.62
Total Voted and Unvoted Millage	47.81	29.51	30.24
Source: Delaware County			

2020 Vision Teacher Testimonials



Mike McGann
Middle School English

Big Walnut's 2020 Vision is why many choose the teaching profession. As a teacher, I am able to carry out our vision to personalize instruction, engage students and grow minds by connecting with learners on a personal level. Students realize that they are valued members of the learning community; they are recognized as curious individuals with questions, ideas, and opinions that matter. It is exciting to witness students pave their own paths towards success in a complex world. Our 2020 Vision is one of the many reasons why I take pride in having my own children go to Big Walnut Schools.



Mark Robinson
High School Math

The 2020 Vision gives our students the necessary tools to be successful inside and outside the walls of our schools. Collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity will drive our students to be the vanguard that resolves our world's most complex problems. As educators, we get to help shape these students to become the leaders, innovators, and productive citizens that will continue to grow our community in the right direction. I could not be more proud to be a teacher at Big Walnut. #BWLS Proud

SUNBURY/ BIG WALNUT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Happy 2018 from your Sunbury/Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce

Winter is in full force and we are excited for the up and coming year for businesses and our wonderful community!

Did you know the Chamber's website has a job page enabling businesses to post openings? It also provides a directory of local businesses as well as a calendar of events. The third annual Community Expo & Job Fair will be held this April at BWHS. There will be quite a few opportunities to submit job applications and actually interview at this event. For more details, visit www.sunburybigwalnutchamber.com. The Chamber of Commerce, along with the Villages that comprise the Big Walnut area and the BW Civic Association, work together to promote many activities and events in our community. Make sure you follow all of us on social media for updates and the local happenings.

We welcome 2018 as a year of further growth and positive change, and welcome these individuals as newly elected members of the Chamber Board of Directors:



Warren Cox is currently the Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the Middlefield Bank in Sunbury. He is quite active in the Big Walnut community and its schools, as well as serving on other non-profit boards in the area.



Brad Ebersole holds the position of economic development specialist for Consolidated Electric Cooperative. The board welcomes his planning and action experience. He is currently an active member of 3 other Chambers of Commerce as well.



Scott Fraker is a CPA and Tax Manager with Maloney & Novotny, LLC. He is a resident of Sunbury and wishes to become more involved with our growing community. His financial background and work with small businesses will be an asset to the Board.



Maribeth Meluch is a partner/attorney for Isaac, Wiles Burkholder & Teetor, LLC. She has been quite involved with the Big Walnut community through rotary involvement and chamber events such as July 4th and Christmas on the Square.

We also want to recognize our current board members serving in 2018:

Beth Panyik (Money Concepts), Shawn Walker (Table Rock Construction), Marc Hogenbirk (IHA/Sunbury Urgent Care): Secretary, Allen Wandle (Wandle and Associates): Treasurer, Wendy Weiler (ACE Hardware): Vice President, Chauncey Montgomery (Community Library): President, Cindy Erndt (Sunbury Chiropractic Center).

As a board, we are committed to the mission statement of the Chamber: to foster, support and promote the business environment in our community. One way we all can do this is to shop and buy local! We expect more businesses (i.e., restaurants, retail, sports complexes) will find our growing community enticing and thus will set up shop over the next few years as we grow residentially.

Another way we can embrace growth, but also maintain our small town feel, is to get involved! Many opportunities for all ages are available to serve, meet new people and give back to our community. Delaware County continues to thrive in residential and commercial growth and the Big Walnut Community is leading the way. While we have many business members, you can join the Chamber as an individual member. Details are on the website. Call or drop by the Chamber Office anytime from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. weekly.

Cheers to a prosperous 2018!



Cindy Erndt
President, Sunbury/Big Walnut Area Chamber of Commerce

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Students spend about 2 hours each day on literacy (reading and writing). Each child is given instruction at their personal reading-level.



Math concepts are taught through a 90-minute math workshop that incorporates both hands-on learning and direct instruction.



Our full-day kindergarten students love being able to eat in the cafeteria and have recess each day.



Social skills are an important part of kindergarten. Teachers incorporate time for student collaboration and building social skills daily.



Science and social studies are taught through literature and hands-on experiences.

A Look Inside Our Full-Day Kindergarten Classes

Big Walnut offers both half-day kindergarten and full-day tuition-based kindergarten. Students receive high-quality instruction to meet academic standards in both kindergarten programs. Students in full-day kindergarten have more opportunities for increased personalization, intervention, and enrichment.



Students attend one related arts class of art, music, P.E. (physical education), or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) each day.



Even our kindergarten students use technology as a tool for learning.



Students receive extra small-group instruction daily at their level when a need is identified in either reading or math.



Check out page 10 for information regarding kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year.



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Community Library Offers Winter Activities for All Ages

Dreading the long, cold winter ahead with nothing to do? We are, too. That's why, for the month of February, the Community Library in Sunbury hopes to offer a bit of a distraction with two month-long events: the Winter Reading Club and Library Lovers' Month.

Our Winter Reading Club is designed for ages birth through 12th grade. Starting February 1, we are going on a dinosaur dig with this year's theme Dig Up a Good Book! As students read, they earn small prizes and drawing entries for the grand prize. For the preschool through elementary students, the grand prizes are a 4-foot tall stuffed T-Rex or a movie of your choice. For students in 5th through 12th grade, their grand prizes are a \$25 Amazon gift card or a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. Multiple entries can be earned for the grand prizes based on the amount of time read. You can either register and keep track of your reading online at yourcl.org or with reading slips found at the library. If you have any questions about the Winter Reading Club, call 740-965-3901 or email youthservices@yourcl.org.

Also included in our Winter festivities is Library Lovers' Month, when the Community Library dedicates the entire month to show its appreciation to its patrons. As part of our gratitude, we have planned a variety of programs and activities for you, such as: a special Valentine craft, sweets and treats handouts, and weekly drawings. For the adults, we have a free movie showing and a special grand prize – a romantic rendezvous and dinner for two! These are just a few of the things we have planned. Don't let the winter blues get you down. Keep checking in throughout the month of February for a sweet time. Questions about Library Lovers' Month? Call 740-965-3901 or email adultservices@yourcl.org



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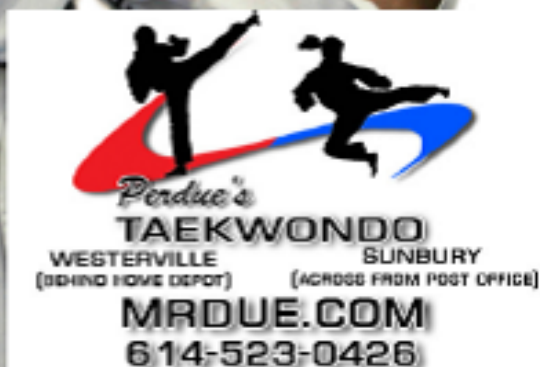
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A LOOK BACK ON

Christmas on the Square

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EVENT!



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2020 VISION SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

We are now in our second year of offering STEM at the elementary and intermediate buildings. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This class combines all four of those subjects to lead students through a process of creation and iterations for improvement based on feedback and reflection. Student activities range from discovery, to challenges, to passion projects. In one example, students determined they wanted a chess club during recess at Harrison Street. Students planned, advertised, reviewed rules, and competed in matches. The entire experience was student-led.

The National Bureau of Economic Research illustrates how a deeper understanding of STEM is tied to a more productive overall workforce — not just in STEM industries. At Big Walnut, we believe students need to know how to collaborate, critically think, communicate, and use creativity to be successful in the 21st-Century workplace. Incorporating STEM into our curriculum has been extremely beneficial for students.



Third graders at Souders designed and built bridges, then tested to see how many books their bridge could hold before breaking.



Building, creating, and working together are some of the many components of exploring STEM at Harrison Street Elementary.



Students at General Rosecrans Elementary are creating and working on self-selected projects.



We'll be BACK!

The high school Rage Page articles will be back and expanding starting with our February 2018 edition. Stay tuned.



Welcome
Class of...

2031

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

February 20 - March 16

*For students turning 5 years old on or before August 1.

Visit:

www.bwls.net/Enrollment.aspx

...is now
online!

PLEASE BE PREPARED WITH:

- ✦ Birth Certificate ✦ Proof of Residency ✦ Immunization Records
- ✦ Custody Documents (if applicable) ✦ Photo ID of Parent/Guardian



HALF-DAY

• Students will attend school from either 8:45 - 11:30 or 12:50 - 3:35.

*Times may vary slightly as transportation schedules are not yet finalized.

• Students will attend one related arts class (Art, Music, P.E., or STEM) every 4 days, in order to optimize the limited classroom instructional time.

• Students will receive high quality instruction to meet academic standards. Academic interventions will be a priority to remediate and keep students on track.

Parents have the option of enrolling their child into half-day kindergarten or full-day tuition-based kindergarten programs.

FULL-DAY

• Students will attend school from 8:45 - 3:35 each day and have a scheduled lunch and recess break mid-day.

• Students will attend one related arts class (Art, Music, P.E., or STEM) each day, in addition to the core curriculum.

• Students will receive high quality instruction to meet academic standards, and will have more time and opportunities for increased personalization, intervention, and enrichment.

\$175 per month

* Families who qualify for free or reduced lunch/fees will be offered free or reduced tuition. Find out if you qualify for free or reduced lunch/fees by filling out a form during enrollment!

Please note: First month's tuition and a signed Tuition Agreement form will be due as a deposit by April 13.

FULL-DAY TUITION

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

What is the 2020 VISION?

PERSONALIZE INSTRUCTION



Teacher is constantly aware of individual student abilities, interests, and/or learning styles and uses that information to make instructional decisions.

ENGAGE STUDENTS



Students are immersed in the classroom atmosphere— lessons / activities are meaningful, relevant, and add immediate value to their learning.

GROW MINDS

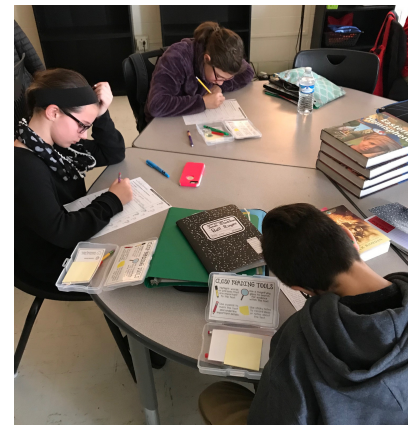


Teacher collects student data and uses it to drive instruction and make class decisions in order to promote student growth.

BWHS National Honor Society members, Katherine Germann and Claire Oglesbee stopped by the district transportation building to drop off gifts for the family the NHS students sponsored for the BW holiday wish program.



Check out our thank-you message on the back page.



Mrs. Doran's Eagle Ed group had a great time learning about how Kindness ROCKS.

Sixth graders in Mrs. Everitt's class are using reading toolboxes to dive deeper into their texts.

Big Walnut Local Schools

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it helps
your child
Learn
and
Grow

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**2017-2018 Child Check Schedule
Friday, February 2nd, 2018**

**Location: BWLS Administrative Offices
110 Tippet Ct, Sunbury (behind McDonalds)**

Child Check is an educational screening for children ages 3-5. Child Check is NOT a Kindergarten screening. This screening is provided by Big Walnut Local Schools and is free to families within the Big Walnut School District. The purpose is to provide parents with information regarding their child's development in: Speech and Language Skills, Gross/Fine Motor (Large & Small Muscle) Skills, Basic Academic Concepts, Vision and Hearing.

The screening can help parents determine how their child is developing in comparison to other children the same age. If a child has weaknesses, or is delayed in one or more of these areas then he/she will be referred for further testing. This additional testing is more comprehensive and will determine if the delay is significant enough to qualify for special education.

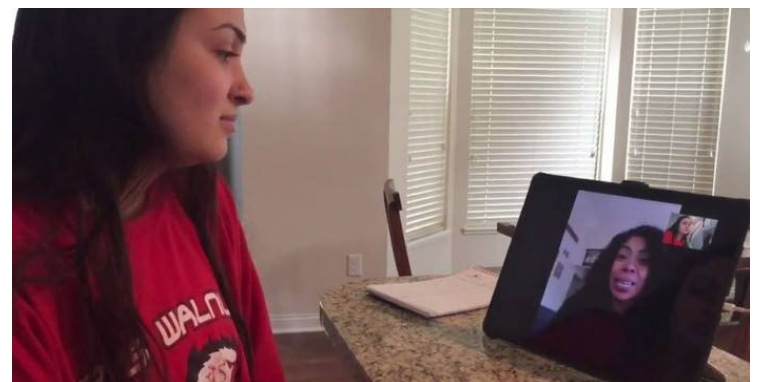
A child who passes the screener and is 4 years of age, is eligible to be a PEER Model in the Big Walnut Preschool Program. For more information regarding the PEER Model Program please call 740.965.7846 or email heidikoon@bwls.net.



Students in BWMS STEM class are enjoying their VEX Robotics as they get ready for competition.



These Souders artists were chosen to have their artwork displayed in the Ohio Youth Art Exhibit in Columbus!



Our BWHS AP Spanish students recently had an opportunity to interview native Spanish speakers about their culture.

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Varsity Boys Basketball



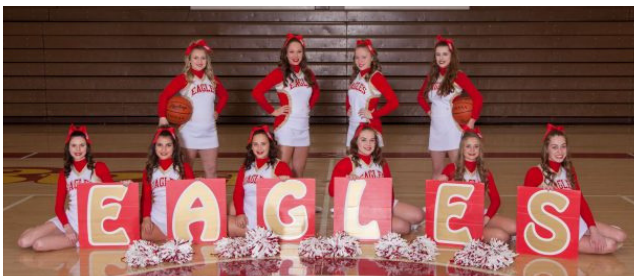
JV Boys Basketball



Varsity Girls Basketball



JV Girls Basketball



Varsity Cheerleading



Coed Competition Cheer

ATHLETICS IMPORTANT DATES

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday, January 26 (H) girls basketball vs New Albany 7:30 p.m.
Youth basketball teams recognized during varsity half time
Free admission for all military personnel and Big Walnut students

WALL OF FAME GAME

Friday February 2, 2018 - Boys Basketball vs Newark
Regional Semi-Finalist Baseball, Final 4 Girls Soccer, State Runner-up Volleyball teams
will be recognized at halftime

SENIOR NIGHTS

Girls Basketball - Friday, January 26, 2018 vs New Albany - before varsity game
Swimming/Diving - Friday, February 2, 2018 5:00 p.m. at Westerville Recreation Center
Boys Basketball - Friday, February 9, 2018 vs Franklin Heights - before varsity game
Cheer - Friday, February 9, 2018 vs Franklin Heights - before varsity game
Bowling - Friday, February 9, 2018 vs Franklin Heights - varsity halftime
Gymnastics - Friday, February 9, 2018 7:00 p.m. at Central Ohio Gymnastics Center
Wrestling - Saturday, February 10, 2018 10:30 a.m. vs West Carrollton

**For schedules, post-season individual awards, and more information,
visit the athletics website at www.bigwalnutathletics.net.**



We'd like to say...
thank you!

When our students and staff of the Big Walnut Local School District talk about a family, we don't just mean our families at home, we mean the entire Big Walnut community.

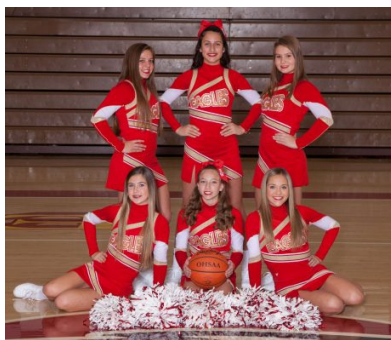
Each year our school district Administrative Services Department organizes a Big Walnut holiday wish program, sponsoring local families in need, and providing them with items on their holiday wish list.

As a Big Walnut community, we served 116 families this year, with staff from all buildings participating in this year's effort. At the schools, clubs including the Big Walnut Intermediate Art Club and the Big Walnut High School French Club and National Honor Society participated to make certain our area families had the best holiday possible.

It's not just the school district that pitches in to help out. Families were sponsored by Genoa Fire Department, Anthony Dental, Side-By-Side, American Showa Inc., Sunbury United Methodist

Church, First Baptist Church, Renick Orthodontics, Ohashi, Sunbury Christian Church, Noah's Ark Learning Center, and a host of other individuals and organizations. There were more than 30 givers – some wishing to remain anonymous.

The response is just amazing at how this community steps up and says "how can we help?" Lending a helping hand is part of the Big Walnut area culture. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making the Big Walnut holiday wish program a success!



JV Cheerleading